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HONGKONG VOLUNTEER FORCE.

SOME PROPOSED CHANGES.

Election of Officers Abolished.

A Bill to amend the Volunteer Ordinance of 1920 was read a first time at to-day's meeting of the Legislative Council. The amendments have been made in accordance with certain suggestions made by the Army Council to whom the Ordinance was referred by the Secretary of State for the Colonies. The suggestions were based on a comparison with the Ceylon Volunteer Ordinance.

The "Objects and Reasons" explain the amendments now proposed, and from them we take the following:—

The power of assembling courts of inquiry is vested in the General Officer Commanding the Troops instead of in the Governor, but such power is still subject to the approval of the Governor. Such courts are in future to be constituted of officers only and are not to be assembled by the Administrative Commandant.

The power of making regulations for the government of the Volunteer Force is vested in the General Officer Commanding the Troops instead of in the Governor in Council, but such power is subject to the approval of the Governor, who is required to consult the Administrative Commandant.

Clause 7 places under the command of the General Officer Commanding the Troops, instead of under that of the Governor, such volunteers as may be called out by the Governor, in cases of emergency. In practice, this would obviously be so.

It has been thought advisable to except the offence of murder from the general modifications of section 17, and generally to provide that those modifications shall not apply when members of the Volunteer Force are on active service beyond the limits of the Colony. It will be noticed that under section 12 (5) no officer or volunteer is liable to serve beyond the limits of the Colony without his consent.

Clauses 9 and 10 amend the regulations dealing with the appointment and promotion of officers and non-commissioned officers; a return is to be made to the old system of filling vacancies in each case.

It was previously provided that when vacancies occurred in the establishment of officers, other than the Administrative Commandant and the staff, the members of the Company in which the vacancy occurred should submit to the Governor the name of the person proposed by them for appointment as an officer. This provision is repealed and the clause will now read:—

"6.—(1) If any vacancy exists or occurs in the total establishment of non-commissioned officers the members of the company in which the vacancy exists or occurs shall submit to the officer commanding the company the name of the person proposed by them for appointment as a non-commissioned officer. (2) Promotion will be subject to the passing of such an examination as may be prescribed or approved by the General Officer Commanding the Troops. (3) The appointment and promotion of all non-commissioned officers of companies shall be vested in the officer commanding the company."

In place of the above clause, the following has been inserted:—

CANADIAN MAIL DISPUTE.

A Settlement Effected.

The dispute between the C.P.O.S. and the Canadian Government in regard to the carriage of mails has been settled.

Mr. E. A. Cox, Acting General Agent of the C.P.O.S. in Hongkong, writes us as follows on the matter:—"I have to inform you that a settlement has been reached between our Company and the Canadian Authorities for the carriage of mail and other articles by our steamers operating between Vancouver and the Far East, and I shall be much obliged if you will kindly publish this information in your next issue so that the Public may again look forward to receiving their mails from Canada, etc. regularly by our fast service as in the past."

GARRISON CRICKET.

83rd Co. R.G.A. v. R.A.M.C.

This Garrison League match was played yesterday and resulted as follows:—

R.A.M.C.	
Cpl. Rhodes, b. Goulding	48
L. Cpl. Filmer, c. Walker, b. Goulding	26
Capt. Tomary, b. Goulding	9
Sgt. Holland, c. Couzens, b. Goulding	6
S.M. Thompson, run out	4
Pte. West, b. Frampton	7
Cpl. Savary, b. Goulding	0
Sgt. Wilkinson, c. Couzens, b. Goulding	2
Cpl. Stone, c. and b. Goulding	11
Pte. Powell, not out	0
Lanbridge, b. Goulding	6
Extras	6
Total	119
R.G.A.	
Lieut. Goulding, c. Stone, b. Thompson	39
Sgt. Walker, b. Rhodes	4
Q.M.S. Lee, c. Rhodes, b. Savage	17
Gr. Frampton, c. Stone, b. Thompson	4
Sgt. Skeet, not out	47
Bar. Newcombe, not out	38
Gr. Couzens	0
Sgt. Allen	Did not bat
Gr. Flexen	Did not bat
Gr. Rollings	Did not bat
Extras	12
Total (4 wks)	161

by the commanding officers of such companies to the Administrative Commandant. (3) Promotion will be subject to the passing of such an examination as may be prescribed or approved by the General Officer Commanding the Troops."

The Attorney General, in moving the first reading, said that the object of the Bill came under five heads. The first was to place upon the G.O.C. responsibility for the training of the force in time of peace, the second was to impose upon him the duty of commanding it in times of active service, the third altered the law as to the assembly and constitution of courts martial; the fourth altered the present method of appointing officers and N.C.O.s, whilst the fifth made amendments to the law on a matter of discipline. He went on to explain these various amendments. Explaining that dealing with the appointment of officers and N.C.O.s, he said it had been thought better to revert to the old system under which appointments were made on the recommendation of the Administrative Commandant and the General Officer Commanding. Other matters in the Bill were formally explained.

The Hon. Colonial Secretary seconded and the Bill was read a first time.

THE UNIVERSITY.

RESULT OF RECENT COMMISSION.

Government to Exercise General Supervision.

At to-day's meeting of the Legislative Council there was read a first time the Bill intituled An Ordinance to amend the University Ordinance, 1911.

From the "Objects and Reasons" we take the following:—

The object of this Bill is to carry out the recommendations of the recent Commission and the decisions of the Government thereon.

It is considered that in the absence of the Governor the Officer Administering the Government should be Pro-Chancellor and that there is no necessity for any Pro-Chancellor except during the absence of the Governor.

The term "Principal" is omitted, because it seems unnecessary to have two titles for one officer. Consultation with the Senate on the question of the nomination of the Vice-Chancellor seems unnecessary as academic interests are fully represented on the Council. It is therefore proposed that the Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Court upon the nomination of the Council, without requiring "consultation with the Senate". At least five members will be common to the two bodies, four of these five being officers of the University.

The Vice-Chancellor will in future confer degrees only in the absence of the Chancellor (Governor) and Pro-Chancellor (Officer Administering the Government). The Pro-Vice-Chancellorship is abolished, and power is given to appoint an acting Vice-Chancellor.

Power is given to appoint an acting Treasurer.

The right of the Court to intervene and veto any decision of the Council or Senate is made clearer. The Court will in future have to meet at least once a year, and the accounts of the University will have to be submitted to the Court.

Power is given to the Chancellor and also to the Vice-Chancellor to convene a meeting of the Court at any time.

The Vice-Chancellor will in future be the Vice-Chairman of the Council.

The existing Finance Committee is subordinate to the Council. The new Finance Committee, subject to clause 21, will have complete control over the finances of the University. This is considered essential.

It is thought desirable that the senior member of each Faculty should be the Dean of that Faculty.

It has been necessary to recast the constitution of the Council. Those members of the new Finance Committee who have at present no seat on the Council will be added to the Council, and also the Registrar. The Colonial Secretary is also added as he is the expected Pro-Chancellor. The two Chinese members of the Legislative Council are also added. Power is also given to the Governor to appoint not more than two additional members. This power can be made use of to secure the services of any persons specially fitted for the administration of the affairs of the University. In order to prevent the Council becoming unduly large in consequence of these additions the members at present appointed by the Court and the Senate, and also the Director of Public Works and the Principal Civil Medical Officer, will be removed from the list. The present Council consists of 17 persons. The new Council will consist of from 14 to 16 persons.

The present Senate is much too large. The new Senate will consist of fourteen persons. The Board of each Faculty will elect one member of the Senate, annually. The Vice-Chancellor will appoint, annually, a full-time professor or lecturer in Pure Science to represent that part of the teaching staff on the Senate. This member will of course be replaced by the Dean and an elected member when a Faculty of Pure Science is established, and it will then be

FOOTBALL.

Civilians v. Services.

Under the auspices of the Hongkong Football Association a grand charity match has been arranged for Monday, 27th December, at 4 p.m. on the Club ground. The match will be between two teams, representative of the civilian teams in the Colony and of all the Service teams playing in any League.

Civilian Team:—Rodger (Club); Wheeler (Kowloon) and Chan So (South China); Leung Yek-tong (S.C.A.); Forbes (Police); and McPhail (Club); Hamilton (Club); MacTavish (Club); Robertson (Police); J. Clark (Police); and Evelyn (Kowloon).

Services Team:—Green (Willis); Barrett (Carlisle) and Edwards (Hawkins); Wilson (Curlew); Sargent (Ambrose) (Capt.); and Henwood (R.G.A.); Savage (Ambrose); Downs (Ambrose); Cook (Curlew); Wetherley (Curlew) and Amor (Willis).

The Civilian Team will play in white and the Services team in blue. The proceeds are to go to St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blind Soldiers and Sailors.

DAY BY DAY.

An aged hawker, who a de-mour drew from the Magistrate the commendation of "being a good sort of man", was this morning released after being charged with lacking a licence. His case was thought to be a deserving one. He stated that he was without a wife or son, on whom he could depend for support, and was too poor to even pay for a licence. He was discharged by the Magistrate, who was informed that the Police would assist him to obtain the licence.

necessary to repeal, by the ordinary machinery, the particular part of this Statute.

The Government, in view of large expenditure of public money involved, feels bound to retain a power of general supervision for a limited period. (This is provided for by the following clause:—

"The Governor in Council at all times, in his discretion, may reverse any decision or act of the Court, Council, Senate, Boards of Faculties or Finance Committee, and may for all intents and purposes whatsoever substitute his own decision or act therefor, and may make any appointment contemplated by the principal Ordinance as amended by this Ordinance, or contemplated by the Statutes of the University, notwithstanding the absence of any nomination to the office in question. It shall be lawful for the Governor in Council at any time to suspend wholly or in part the operation of this section, or to declare that this section shall be repealed wholly or in part."

In moving the first reading, the Hon. Mr. Kemp (Attorney General) said a draft of the Bill had already been communicated to the University Council and they had made certain suggestions, four in number, of which three had been embodied, in whole or in part, in the bill. The main object of the Bill was to strengthen and improve the financial control of the affairs of the University. Under the old Ordinance there was a Finance Committee, but it had always been subordinate to the Council and had no authority of its own. In fact, it had often not been consulted at all on financial matters of the University. But now the Finance Committee appointed by the present Bill would not be subject to the control of Council; it would be independent and would exercise complete control over all expenditures. No expenses could be incurred or no funds invested without the sanction and special consideration of the Finance Committee. It was thought that that would be the best method of ensuring that the finances of the University would be properly managed.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

To-day's Meeting.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber to-day. His Excellency the Governor (Sir Reginald Stubbs, K.C.M.G.) presided and there were also present:—

H.E. the General Officer Commanding, Major Gen. F. Ventris, C.B.

The Hon. Mr. A.G.M. Fletcher, C.B.E., Colonial Secretary.

The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, C.B.E., Attorney General.

The Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.G., Director of Public Works.

The Hon. Mr. C. McL. Messer, O.B.E., Colonial Treasurer.

The Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, O.B.E., Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

The Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving, Director of Education.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.

The Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr.

The Hon. Mr. John Johnstone.

The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak.

The Hon. Mr. Ho Fook.

Mr. S. B. B. McElherry, Clerk of Councils.

FINANCIAL VOTES.

The following financial votes, recommended by H. E. the Governor, were referred to the Finance Committee and subsequently approved thereby:—

\$286 in aid of the Kowloon Canton Railway, tyres for engines, carriages and wagons.

\$712 in aid of the vote, Post Office Naval Ratings, &c., D'Agular Station.

\$70 in aid of the vote Treasury Stamp Office, incidental expenses.

\$2,500 in aid of the vote Harbour Master's Department, Steam launches, repairs.

\$2,700 in aid of the vote Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, improvements to buildings.

\$922 in aid of the vote: Governor, Other Charges:—Electric fans and light for public rooms, \$494; incidental expenses, \$223; special expenditure, furniture, \$1,205.

\$50 in aid of the vote:—Public Works, Other Charges:—Incidental expenses, \$750; electric fans and light, \$200.

\$17,100 in aid of the vote:—Public Works, Recurrent, Hongkong, Water Works:—Maintenance of City and Hill District, \$15,000; maintenance of Shaukiwan \$100; water account (Meters, &c.), \$2,000.

\$300 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, Water Works, Peak Distribution System:—Substitution of 5" and 4" mains for existing 3" from Victoria Gap to R.B.L. 76.

\$1,200 in aid of the vote Police and Prison Departments:—Fire Brigade, repairs to floating engines.

\$4,500 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Fire Station, Tsimshatsui.

\$3,500 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Tsimshatsui Police Station Extensions.

\$6,800 in aid of the vote:—Public Works, Recurrent, Kowloon, Miscellaneous:—typhoon and rainstorm damages, \$1,700; New Territories, Miscellaneous:—typhoon and rainstorm damages, \$5,100.

\$19,000 in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Hongkong, quarters for European Officers, Leighton Hill.

\$35,870 in aid of the vote:—Police, Other Charges:—Arms, \$80; clothing and accoutrements, \$22,500; coolie hire, \$200; interpretation fees, \$40; light and electric fans, \$2,700; small stores, \$250; subsistence of prisoners, \$100.

\$1,535 in aid of the vote Medical Department, Office of Health Officer of Fort, launch-repairs.

PEACE TREATY LEGISLATION.

The following Bills, which came up for second reading, went through all their stages and were passed:—

An Ordinance to modify certain provisions of the Treaty of Peace Order, 1919, as amended by the Treaty of Peace (Amendment) Order, 1920, for the purpose of adapting the provision of the circumstances of the Colony of Hongkong.

An Ordinance to modify certain provisions of the Treaty of Peace

(Austria) Order, 1920, for the purpose of adapting the provisions of the Order to the circumstances of the Colony of Hongkong.

An Ordinance to modify certain provisions of the Treaty of Peace (Bulgaria) Order, 1920, for the purpose of adapting the provisions of the Order to the circumstances of the Colony of Hongkong.

THE ADJOURNMENT.

His Excellency the Governor:—Hon. gentlemen of the Legislative Council, this is the last meeting I propose to hold this year as there is no matter of great urgency before us, and I propose therefore that the next meeting should be held on Thursday, 13th of January, at 2.30 p.m. which is more convenient to members than 12 o'clock, or I understand it to be. The meeting I think it is undesirable to hold a meeting in the first week in January is that Mr. Fletcher, to my regret, is leaving us at the end of the month, and I am not sure when Mr. Severn is coming back and it would be a great inconvenience to meet without a Colonial Secretary. In winding up the business of the year I desire to thank you, gentlemen, for the assistance given me ungrudgingly throughout the year. I think we have got through a considerable amount of useful work with a minimum of friction. I am very much indebted to all of you for your help. There remains another point, that is that this being the last meeting of the year it is the last time on which we shall have the company of my Hon. and gallant friend, Major General Ventris. Major General Ventris has been a member of this Council for about five and a half years I think, and the value of his services to the Colony as Commander of the troops and as a member of the Council are well known to all of you. I speak for everybody present in expressing our regret at the departure of Major General Ventris and our most cordial wishes for his happiness in the retirement to which he will now return. In conclusion, I have to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Major General Ventris:—Sir, I thank your Excellency for your very kind words, which I feel are somewhat undeserved. I consider it an honour and privilege to have served on this Council so long and for the progress of the Colony of Hongkong and of her great Mother, China. I hope I am not out of order if I once more exhort from this place those young men of the Colony who have not yet joined the Volunteer Corps to follow the example set them and do so at once.

The meeting then terminated.

"APOLOGISE OR FIGHT."

An Incident at St. Stephen's.

There was a row in Parliament last month over the counting out of the House. According to the testimony of two members (quoted by the London correspondent of the "Manchester Guardian") Sir Hamar Greenwood called Lord Henry Bentinck a coward, whereupon Lord Henry challenged him to fight. Major Barnes stepped in between them. They advanced farther and then Lord Henry Bentinck punched Sir Hamar Greenwood on the shoulder: "Look here, you called me a coward, and you've either got to apologise or fight. I am prepared to fight you now." Sir Hamar Greenwood replied: "I am prepared to do either, but hadn't we better settle this on friendly terms; both of us withdrawing what we have said? I am willing to begin by withdrawing what I have said about you." Lord Henry Bentinck was seen afterwards, and said he accepted the withdrawal and in his turn withdrew what he had said about Sir Hamar Greenwood.

GOLF.

Captain's Cup Draw.

Following is the draw for the play off of those who qualified for the Captain's Cup 1920:—

W. D. Kraft (3) v. R. M. Smith (3).

F. S. Harrison (4) v. H. H. Bagnall (3).

Bre T. R. Chasels (8) v. P. T. Kilgour (12).

Bye F. Mainland (11) v. F. A. Dinsdale (14).

N. L. Smith (7) v. D. Reid (18).

D. J. Valentine (9) v. J. E. Warner (5).

18 holes match play over Old Course, Fanling, 3-4 of difference between above stated handicaps. 1st and 2nd Rounds to be completed by 17th January. Semi-Final Rounds to be completed by 24th January. Final Rounds to be completed by 31st January.

MACHINERY FOR PRODUCTION.

"Universal" Machine Tool.

On the machinery side of the production problem nice points arise often as to what the best machinery is, states *Engineering*. In a recent article on machine tools we drew attention to development in this country and in the United States, as running towards the "universal" machine here, and the single purpose tool on the other side of the Atlantic. Sir Henry Fowler has mentioned the interesting point that when he visited the United States in 1913 with the object of procuring an early supply of a British aeronautical engine, he found this to be almost impracticable in nearly all of the large automobile works there, so specialized was their machinery, whereas the work could have been done in practically any British motor car factory. Here we come back to what is now known as mass production which has been so largely advertised in connexion with automobile construction, though the successful bicycle and other trades have been run on these lines for many years. Mass production first requires a sound design, slightly ahead of the times, and the possibility of meeting an existing, or creating a large demand. Everything turns on the saleable quantity and without a basis of this kind to start on it is impossible to enter into estimates of the cost and output of special tools. The same point exactly, though in a somewhat different form, enters into every day shop work. How often are we confronted with the question as to whether a jig, or a new broach, or special form-milling cutter is warranted for so many pieces to be put through. The quantity production of the modern idea is simply an operation on a larger scale with something more of a hazard introduced as we cannot look into the future and make sure that nothing will arise to upset our calculations as to demand.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 3s/1 3/16d.

LIGHTING-UP TIME.

Lighting-up time to-day is 5.45 p.m.

THE WEATHER.

2 p.m. Barometer:—30.03. Temperature:—63. Humidity:—53.

DON'T FORGET.

Today.

Theatre Royal—Bandman Co. present "The Yellow Ticket"—9.15 p.m.

Coronet Theatre—5.15 and 9.15 p.m.

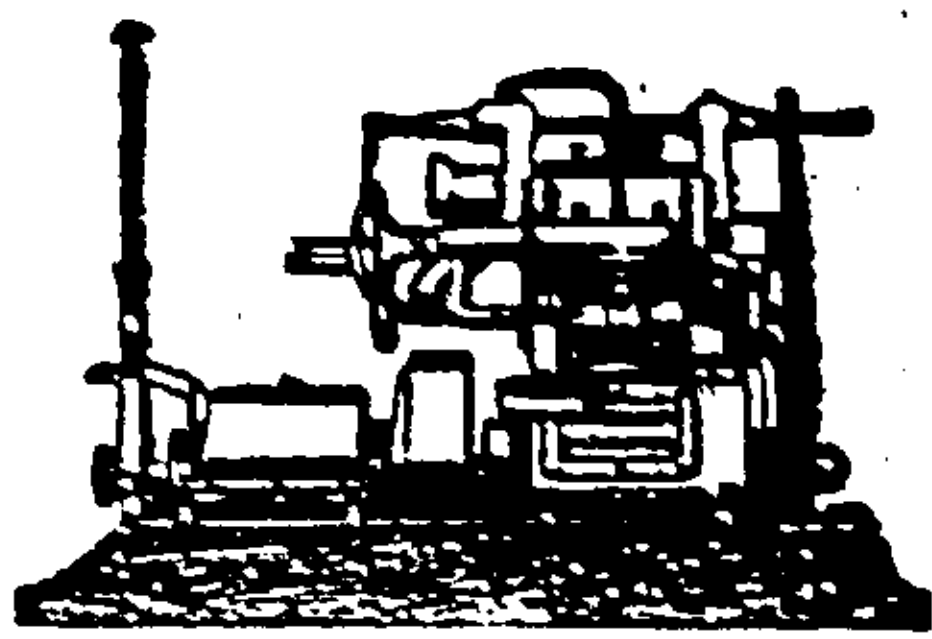
Hongkong Theatre—5.15, 7.15, and 9.15 p.m.

To-morrow.

Coronet Theatre—5.15, and 9.15 p.m.

Hongkong Theatre—5.15, 7.15, and 9.15 p.m.

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GENERAL NEWS.

CHINESE TEACHERS' SALARIES.
Partial payment of the teachers' salaries by the Ministry of Education has been made, states a Peking report.

GERMAN PILGRIM TO ROME.
Last month the Pope received the first German pilgrim who has come to Rome since the beginning of the war.

HOUSEBUILDING BY MOONLIGHT.
In order to expedite completion of a house at Gerrard's Cross (Bucks), the builders have been working by moonlight.

93,400 FREE PLACES AT SCHOOLS.
In the year ending July 31, out of 300,000 pupils in secondary schools in England and Wales, about 93,400 held free places.

M. DESCHANEL FOR PARLIAMENT.
M. Deschanel, ex-President of the Republic, has informed the *Figaro* that he will be a candidate for election to the Senate.

JOBS FOR EX-SERVICE MEN.
Upwards of 2,000 ex-soldier "trainees" have been found jobs in Middlesex, and are going into the workshops at the rate of 45 a week.

WORLD'S GOLD PRODUCTION.
The world's gold production for the past year reached a total of \$35,156,000, a reduction of \$18,600,000 under the previous year.

NEWCASTLE "ADOPTS" ARRAS.
Six thousand pounds has been subscribed at Newcastle for the relief of the Arras, which has been "adopted" by the former town.

THE CHING-SUI RAILWAY.
The Ching-sui railway will be completed as far as Kuai-chuang in April of next year, after which the line will immediately be extended to Paotow.

\$2,300 FOR DR. JOHNSON'S PORTRAIT.
A Reynolds' portrait of Dr. Johnson as a young man, and before he took to wearing a wig, realised \$2,300 at a sale of the household effects at St. Serf House, Southampton.

800,000 MEMORIAL SCROLLS.
It is expected that the distribution of memorial scrolls to relatives of fallen soldiers will be completed by the new year, over 800,000 having already been dispatched. 88,000 bronze plaques have also been issued.

SOVIET REPUDIATION OF DEBTS.
According to Holingford's advice, M. Zinevich, the People's Commissary, addressing a gathering of women Communists, said that Russia would never pay the debts which had been contracted abroad under the Czarist regime.

NO HYPNOTISM IN MALAYA.
The Secretary for Chinese Affairs, F.M.S., has refused to allow an exhibition of hypnotism in aid of the Famine Relief Fund, fearing that "some unscrupulous people may acquire the knowledge of this science and will probably put it to a bad use."

WIRELESS CODE MESSAGES.
Mr. Macdonald, formerly lieutenant-commander of telegraphists in the Australian Navy, is to submit to the British Admiralty the details of an invention for sending wireless code messages without danger of interception by the enemy.

JAPANESE ARMY IN SIBERIA PREPARING FOR EVENTUALITIES.
A Tsuruga despatch to the *Nichi Nichi* states that the thirtieth Japanese army division at Nikolai has been ordered to prepare to meet possible developments. Major General Shibata, in charge of field communications, has issued a warning against any attempt at interference with communications.

AMERICAN OFFICERS DECORATED.
Commander Charles T. Hutchins, United States Naval Attaché at Peking, and Captain L. V. Gillis, President of the Peking Club, have been awarded the American Navy Cross. The former, after his retirement (in 1905) volunteered for further service and was reappointed Naval Attaché at Peking. The latter won distinction in command of destroyers during the war.

NEW POSTAL CONVENTION.
A Madrid message of the 1st inst. states:—The new universal postal convention, effective for four years until it is revised at Stockholm in 1924, was signed to-day. The Chinese delegates submitted a scheme for the administration of mails by China supported in writing by the United States. It was received by the postal congress, but no action was taken.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

NAVAL COMPETITION.

London, Dec. 20.

Brightened by reciprocally conveyed expressions of love, views have been exchanged on the competitive naval programmes, apropos of the big and little ship controversy, by Lord Northcliffe and the American Navy Secretary, Mr. Daniels.

According to the "Times" Washington correspondent, Lord Northcliffe, interviewed by the United States Newsagency in London, points out that the British Navy is for defence, mainly commerce defence, and he asks what naval combination Mr. Daniels suggests the United States must guard against. He imagines the howl which would come from the Dominions if such an impossible situation as an Anglo-Japanese or Anglo-Chinese combination were suggested against America.

Mr. Daniels, replying, says he wants an agreement between all nations for no competitive building. An Anglo-Jap-American or Franco-Italo-American alliance limiting building cannot obtain the desired result. It would be merely an alliance in the old sense. The only basis of peace is that all nations form a buttress in the world against evil. He says he would not recommend another three-year building programme unless it was absolutely certain that the United States was going to stay outside the League.

Lord Northcliffe in a rejoinder says Mr. Daniels has not answered as regards the membership of a possible combination. He submits that competitive naval building is senseless, especially as the best minds differ as regards the future of sea fighting.

CASUALTIES IN IRELAND.

London, Dec. 20.

The War Office reports that 10 officers and 6 other ranks were killed, 5 officers and 13 other ranks wounded, 5 officers missing and one officer and 2 other ranks injured in the murderous attacks in Ireland in November.

London, Dec. 21.

A battle is reported to have taken place at Millinshane, Tipperary, in which forty volunteers are said to have been captured, ten killed and many wounded. Eight soldiers are reported killed.

BRITISH TROOPS IN PALESTINE.

London, Dec. 21.

The question of British expenditure in Palestine was raised in the House of Commons this afternoon by Mr. Croft, replying to whom Mr. Bonar Law said that acceptance of the mandate for Palestine was not intended to involve any permanent expenditure on the taxpayers of Britain. The cost of the British Army in Palestine was not being borne by the Jewish population. He did not hope that any British expenditure on Palestine would be paid back, but the Government had no intention whatever of being involved in heavy expenditure. The force in Palestine was being reduced, but some must be maintained until the civil administration is able to maintain order and resist external aggression. It was impossible to say when that would be.

ALLEGED JAPANESE ATROCITIES.

London, Dec. 21.

In the House of Commons, replying to Sir Robert Newman, Mr. Cecil Harmsworth stated that the British Ambassador at Tokio had already made representations to the Japanese Government with regard to the alleged atrocities by Japanese troops on the Korean border. The number of Japanese troops in Manchuria was believed to be far below 15,000. There had been no question about Japan assuming sovereign rights in Manchuria. The British policy in China was based on the maintenance of the territorial integrity of China. Mr. Pemberton Billing suggested that interference was likely to lead us to a number of little expensive wars. Mr. Harmsworth replied that he did not think so and pointed out that these matters were regulated under the Anglo-Japanese agreement.

ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE.

London, Dec. 21.

In the House of Commons, the Administration of Justice Bill passed its third reading. Clause nine deals with the enforcement in the United Kingdom of judgments obtained in the Superior Courts of other British Dominions. Sir Newton Moore asked whether this involved reciprocity with the Dominions. The Attorney General replied that the function of this part of the Bill was to make provision for reciprocal enforcement of judgments as between the United Kingdom and other dominions.

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR COLONIES.

London, Dec. 20.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Lloyd George replied in the negative to a question by Mr. Ormsby Gore, whether in view of the various descriptions of territories concerned the Prime Minister would consider the desirability of changing the name of the Secretary of State for the Colonies to Secretary of State for Imperial Administration.

MINT PURCHASES.

London, Dec. 20.

In the House of Commons, replying to Mr. J. G. Hancock, Mr. Austen Chamberlain stated that the Mint in 1920 bought two hundred thousand standard ounces of silver bullion for coinage and 1½ million for medals, at an average price of fifty-six pence.

THE HOME RULE BILL.

London, Dec. 20.

The safety of the Home Rule Bill, which will be enacted before the prorogation of Parliament, was secured in the House of Lords this afternoon by the defeat of an important amendment by Lord Middleton by 91 votes to 14. Apart from a small modification, made at the instance of the Lord Chancellor, the Peers accepted the Commons' decisions with regard to the Bill.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

NEW YORK CRIME WAVE.

New York, Dec. 20.

The crime wave continues. Two masked armed men robbed the Seamen's Mission of \$400, killing a man who resisted.

New York, Dec. 21.

The police have been very active during the week-end in dealing with criminal elements. All known to be of suspicious character are being rounded up, taken to the Police Station and will be ordered to depart by the first train or jailed indefinitely. The citizens are installing devices against gunmen, including the equipping of buildings with huge electric gongs and numerous electric pushbuttons.

SLUMP IN CLOTHING TRADE.

New York, Dec. 21.

The conditions in the men's clothing industry are such that the employers have announced reductions in wages averaging thirty per cent. below the present rates.

OBITUARY.

New York, Dec. 21.

The death is announced of Bishop Sumner Burch, the Episcopal Bishop of New York.

THE MANILA RIOT.

Manila, Dec. 21.

Seventy-eight members of the Constabulary have been arrested in connection with the riot on Dec. 17.

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EARLIER

SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

From Our Own Correspondents.

NEW F.M.S. DEFENCE

CORPS.

Singapore, Dec. 22.

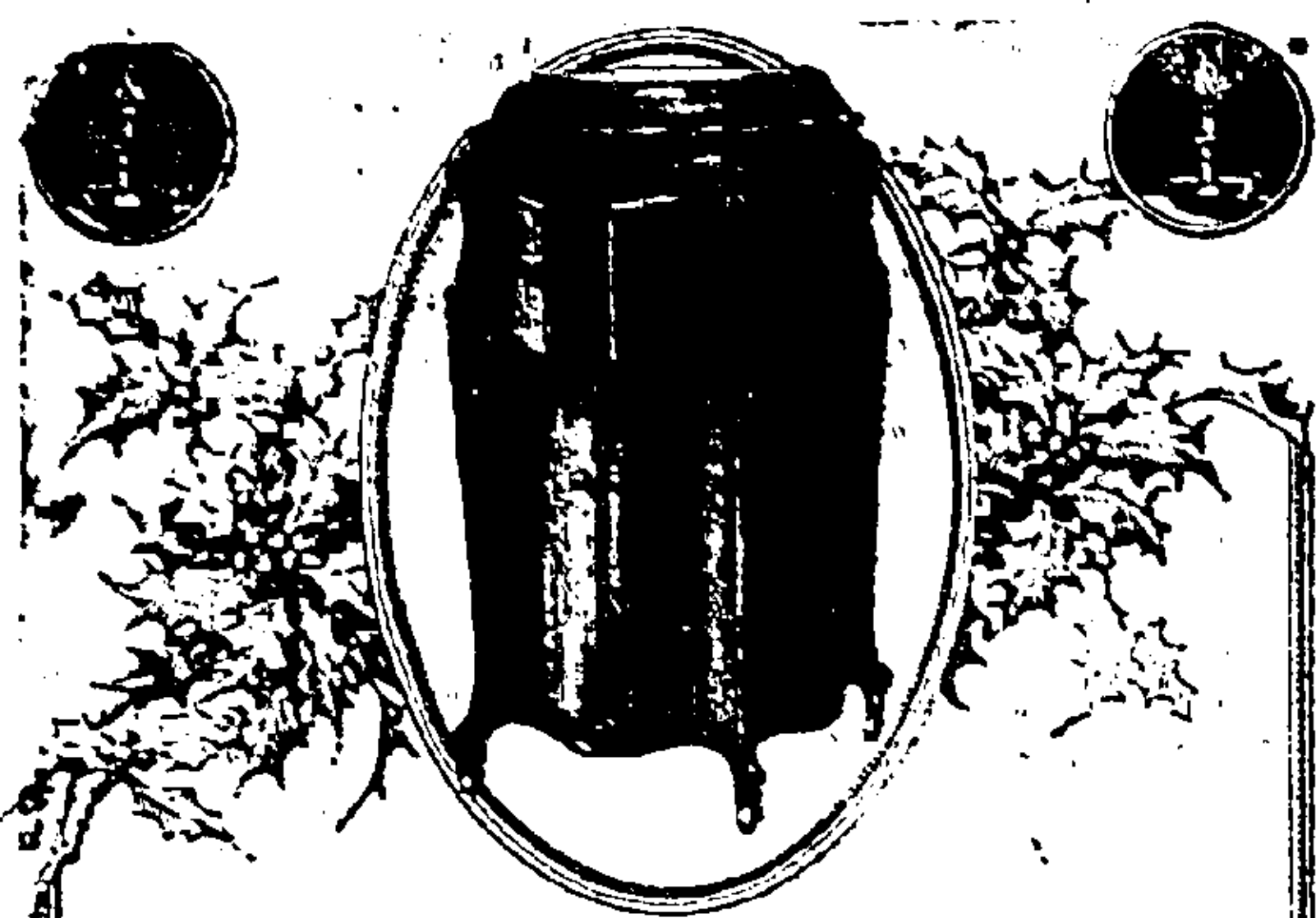
A meeting in connection with the formation of the new Volunteer regiment of Federated Malay States ex-servicemen has strongly insisted upon a guarantee that all the officers of the new regiment shall be men with actual war service.

COUNCIL REFORM.

Singapore, Dec. 22.

At a public meeting in connection with the Council Reform movement held in Singapore, the speakers were Europeans, Chinese, Eurasians, Indians and Malaysians. The tone of the speeches was sober. The abolition of the official majority was not desired, but some form of public election was asked.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Continued from page 2.)

SENSATIONAL BANK FAILURE.

London, Dec. 21.
A startling development followed the closing of Farrows' Bank. The Managing Director, Farrow, was arrested in his house at Hastings, and Frederick Hart, one of the Bank's auditors, was arrested in London. Although the failure of the Bank is quite unimportant from a banking viewpoint, and the position of all the leading Banks is thoroughly satisfactory, it means a cheerless Christmas for thousands of people of small means who invested their life's savings in the Bank. There were pitiful scenes outside the Head Office, many women depositors being in tears.

Later.

Crotch, the Deputy Chairman of Farrows' Bank, was arrested in the West End at 2 a.m. this morning. Hart and Crotch appeared at the Mansion House Police Court charged with publishing, with Farrow, a false report and balance sheet, and were remanded and bailed out. Crotch in £40,000 and Hart in £20,000. The prosecutors said that a shocking fraud had been perpetrated and the Bank was hopelessly involved. The annual losses for the last nine years exceeded £1,000,000. The accounts had been manipulated to show a profit. It was emphasised that the failure was not due to war or post-war conditions.

ANGLO-RUSSIAN TRADE.

London, Dec. 21.

The hope that the Russian market would shortly be opened to British trade, thereby helping to reduce unemployment, appears, according to the latest information, to be doomed to disappointment. Sir Robert Horne and Mr. Walter Long had an interview with M. Krassin yesterday. It is understood the prospects of the ratification of a trade agreement by the Anglo-Russian Governments is in no wise rosy owing to the disinclination of the British Government to make further concessions. Mr. Lloyd George is seeing M. Krassin to-day.

ULTIMATUM TO D'ANNUNZIO.

Rome, Dec. 21.

General Cavaglia, commanding the Italian forces around Fiume, has sent D'Annunzio an ultimatum expiring at six o'clock to-morrow evening, demanding disbandment of D'Annunzio's forces in Fiume, the evacuation of the Islands of Arbe and Veglia, which belong to Jugo Slavia, and the surrender of the Italian war material in Fiume.

EVACUATION OF CILICIA.

Paris, Dec. 21.

Premier Leygues indicated before the Finance Commission that the Government contemplates evacuating Cilicia after coming to an agreement with Turkey and Kemal Pasha, demanding guarantees against massacres of the Armenian population. The Commission approved the Premier's declarations and passed credits for Syria and Cilicia.

EXCHANGE TRANSACTIONS.

Washington, Dec. 21.

The Treasury and Federal Reserve Board, with the approval of the State Department, has removed the restrictions on the exportation of coin bullion and currency to Soviet Russia on dealings or exchange transactions and credit or exchange transactions where Soviet Russia is concerned.

WAR FINANCE.

Washington, Dec. 21.

The Senate has accepted the House of Representatives amendment to a joint resolution directing revival of the War Finance Corporation. The measure now goes to President Wilson, who is expected to veto it.

A NEW AMERICAN COMBINATION.

Washington, Dec. 21.

The Inter-State Commission has authorised the consolidation and transportation of the business and properties of the Adams, American, Wells-Fargo and Southern Express Companies into one company styled the "American Railway Express Company."

GENERAL ELECTION IN SPAIN.

Madrid, Dec. 21.

The general election in Spain resulted in an overwhelming victory for the present Conservative Government.

MARINE STEWARDS STRIKE.

Melbourne, Dec. 21.

Over 100,000 tons of shipping is now idle owing to a strike of marine stewards for an eight hour day, supported by the transport workers. The situation is graver than in any previous stoppage. Tasmania is isolated, 15,000 tourists are affected, while disruption of communication between Australia and New Zealand is threatened.

UNEMPLOYMENT.

London, Dec. 21.

The Cabinet is establishing a committee of business men under Lord St. Davids to deal with unemployment.

THE TEST MATCH.

Sydney, Dec. 21.

Australia in their second innings scored 581, of which Armstrong was credited with 158 and Kellaway 78. At the close of the day's play England had compiled 47 for one wicket.

SHIPPING NEWS.

AMERICAN TRAMP STEAMERS.
The U. S. Shipping Board intends to develop business by means of tramp steamers.

U. S. NAVAL ESTIMATES.
It is proposed to spend G. \$653,000,000 on the United States Navy during the next financial year.

PROPOSED JAPAN-JAVA LINE.
A plan is under discussion in Japan for the inauguration of a direct shipping service between Japan and Java.

C.P.O.S. AND BRITISH MAILS.
The dispute in regard to payment having been settled, ships of the C.P.O.S. will in future carry British mail matter.

CHINESE SEAMEN MUTINY.
In a mutiny on the British s. Elm Leaf at New Orleans recently, eleven Chinese were wounded in a pistol fight with police officers.

FREIGHT PREDICTION.
The Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Cunard Line predicts that the fall in freights will continue for two or three years.

SEATTLE'S TRADE WITH CHINA.
The trade of Seattle with China last year reached the sum of nearly 100 million dollars (gold). The record year was 1918 with G. \$108,500,000.

NEW YORK COMPANY'S INSOLVENCY.
The Standard Steamship Company of New York has gone into liquidation, the liabilities being about G. \$650,000.

SHIPWRECKS OFF BRITISH ISLES.
Violent storms struck the British Isles on December 1 and 2, causing many shipwrecks, great damage to property and much loss of life.

NEW STEAMER SERVICE.
The Royal Mail Steam Packet Company announces that it will establish next spring a passenger and freight service between New York and Southampton, Cherbourg and Hamburg.

ARGENTINE LAW REGARDING DESERTERS.
Should a seaman desert from a foreign ship at an Argentine port, the master of the ship or the shipping company, not the offender, is fined \$1,000.

DEMAND FOR OBSOLETE BRITISH WARSHIPS.
Continental shipbreakers are keen in competition to secure obsolete British warships, in view of the great scarcity of scrap metal on the Continent.

BRITISH SEAMEN AGAINST NATIONALISATION.
By an overwhelming majority, the annual conference of the British National Sailors' and Firemen's Union decided against the proposal to nationalise British shipping.

LOWER P. & O. FARES FORECASTED.

Addressing the shareholders of the Peninsular & Oriental Company, Lord Inchcape, the chairman, said that passenger fares would be reduced to an economic level as soon as possible, but at present the company was carrying passengers below cost. Sir Charles Addis, manager of the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, has been elected a director of the Peninsular & Oriental Company, in succession to Lord Cunliffe.

PANAMA CANAL TONNAGE.
The aggregate net tonnage, Panama Canal measurement, of the commercial ships passing through the canal in the month of September, 1920, established a new high record. It was 1,008,785 net tons, as compared with the previous record of 951,345 net tons, in August, 1920. September, 1920, is the first month in which as high as \$1,000,000 in tolls has been levied. The tolls earned in September were \$1,010,156.38, as compared with the previous record of \$935,209.44 in August.

PEARY'S POLE FLAG DRIFTS.

The American flag which Commander Peary planted at the North Pole has been found 400 miles away from its original geographic point. After an expedition of 16 months in the Arctic regions, full of privation and hardship, Capt. Godfred Hansen, leader of the Amundsen auxiliary, has returned to Copenhagen. He stated that while laying food depots along the Amundsen trail he found, 400 miles from the North Pole, intact, in the ice, the Peary flag. Capt. Hansen believes that Amundsen will be successful in his dash for the North Pole. *Washington Post.*

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THE BANDMAN
COMEDY COMPANY."Eternal Triangle" in a
Light Vein.

Excellent acting marked the presentation of "The Naughty Wife" at the Theatre Royal last night, the performance meriting much better support than was in evidence.

The play, with a New York setting, illustrates the "eternal triangle" in lighter vein. Hilary Farrington (M. J. Oliver Twiss), an author, is somewhat bound up in his literary pursuits, hence his wife (Miss Niqua Lewis) feels herself neglected, whereupon enters the philanderer (Barrell McKnight (Mr. Clive Woods)). How the two latter agree upon an elopement, to be foiled on arrival by the husband, who plays the part of host at the Long Island bungalow, makes a screamingly entertaining comedy, husband and wife being eventually reconciled, while the gadabout McKnight is securely tied to Nora Gail (Miss Violet Blyth Pratt) by the wife's uncle, Bishop Kennelly (Mr. Percy Baverstock). All through the play the audience with plenty of interest and amusement.

To-night the company presents "The Yellow Ticket," which strikes a different note, the plot being of an intensely dramatic character.

THE YELLOW TICKET.
The Bandman Comedy Company is staging to-night at the Theatre Royal, a distinctly different style of play from those which the Company has announced for the present season at Hongkong. It is an intense drama, relieved here and there by flashes of humour, dry indeed, the story centring round thrilling episodes in the life of a young Jewess, one of the despised and persecuted race in Tsarist Russia, whose desperate efforts to preserve her honour place her in the merciless clutches of the unprincipled Chief of Police, from whose house she escapes only after stabbing him to death with a hat pin. An excellent piece of emotional acting will be witnessed to-night, the whole play having a grip from the start. There should be a big house to witness this play.

WORLD WIDE SPORT.

The late Alec Watson bowled 70,000 balls for Lancashire, and not one of them was a wide.

Entries of German athletes are to be barred by clubs in the Amateur Athletic Association.

J. B. Bell is likely to be seen in a Scottish League eleven before long. Will he not go back to Hampden?

Mr. Bottomley's "Lightning Campaign" on the Belgian turf resulted in the winning of 14,144,100frs.

Gilbert Ashton will have the distinction of having captained both the cricket and "Soccer" elevens at Cambridge University.

Dempsey announces that he has agreed to fight a fifteen round contest with Jess Willard on March 17 next. The place for the fight is not yet decided.

George McLean, a professional at Great Neck and formerly a caddy, beat Ray by five up and three to play in an eighteen hole match at the Lido Beach golf course.

The suggestion is made that the pitch and the time of play should be shortened in connection with women's football. Shorten it out of existence most sensible people would say.

In his book "The Art of Lawn Tennis," W. T. Tilden says: "Fully 80 per cent. of all errors are caused by taking the eye from the ball in the last one-fifth of a second of its flight."

STOWAWAYS.

American and Three
Filipinos.

William Angus, 17, an American, and three Filipinos were to-day charged before Mr. G. N. Orme at the instance of Inspector Spear with being stowaways on the United States Shipping Board vessel Delight which arrived here yesterday from Manila. Two of the defendants possessed passports, it was stated. When questioned by the Captain of the steamer they gave various excuses. In the case of Angus, the explanation was given that his intention was to proceed to the States in view of the death of a relative.

The Captain of the vessel informed the Court that he was ready to sign on the two defendants possessing passports, for the voyage back to the States.

His Worship was further apprised of the fact that the four men had been brought up before the American Consul General, when it was arranged that he would interest himself in their case after they had been dealt with by the Magistrate.

His Worship said that the regulations under which the defendants were assigned were formed as a measure of protection for the shipping companies, and if, as in the present case, no prosecution were intended, no good would accrue from sending the defendants to gaol. The defendants would be discharged, but as regards the two defendants who lacked passports, they would have to be sent back to Manila as soon as possible, and this at the Consulate's expense.

This decision formed the burden of the communication which Inspector Spear was requested to make to the American Consul General. The defendants were discharged.

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METEOROLOGICAL.

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Lowest open air temperature on the 23rd	59	
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NOTICE.
BANK HOLIDAYS.

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1920.

Imports and Exports Office, Hongkong, 21st December, 1920.

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The Belgian Government have agreed temporarily to leave the Cloth Hall, cathedral, and the ramparts of Ypres in their existing state pending formulation of a scheme by the British Government for the erection at Ypres of a memorial to British soldiers. A Committee, presided over by the Earl of Midleton, has made certain recommendations, which include the rebuilding of the Menin Gate at Ypres.

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NOTICE.

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By Order,
LOWE, BINHAM & MATTHEWS, Secretaries.

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

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CONSIGNEES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE ADMIRAL LINE.

S. S. "MONTAGUE"

having arrived from Portland via ports, on Dec. 23rd Consignees are hereby notified that their cargo is being landed at their risk into the Hazardous and/or Extra-Hazardous Godowns of The Hon. Shan Godown Co., 16 & 17 Kennedy Town, Praya, Hongkong, and stored at Consignees' risk.

Consignees of cargo must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports & Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading will be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the godowns, where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on December 28th by the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here after which they cannot be recognized.

No Claims will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after Dec. 29th will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for Counter-signature immediately.

PACIFIC S. S. CO., United States Shipping Board Emergency Fleet Corporation Managing Agents.

THE ADMIRAL LINE, 5th Floor Hotel Mansions, Hongkong, 23rd December, 1920.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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All broken, chafed and damaged cargo is to be left in the Godowns where it will be examined at 10 a.m. on 22nd inst. by the Co's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

All claims must be presented within thirty days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized. No claim will be recognized after the goods have left the Godowns, and cargo undelivered on and after 23rd December, will be subject to rent.

No fire insurance whatever will be effected. Consignees are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature immediately.

PACIFIC STEAMSHIP CO.
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Hongkong, 17th December, 1920.**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.****THE ROBERT DOLLAR CO.**

From SOURABAYA, SAMARANG, TEGAL, BATAVIA, SINGAPORE & SAIGON.

The Steamship

"LAKE FARRAR"

having arrived on December 17th, from the above mentioned ports, consignees of cargo are hereby notified that they must take immediate delivery of same alongside, and all cargo impeding discharge will be landed at their risk and expense into the hazardous Godowns of Messrs. Frank Waterhouse & Co. Yaumatei Shelter, and at consignee's risk.

Consignees must produce an Import Permit before Bills of Lading can be countersigned. All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be landed in Frank Waterhouse & Co's godowns, where they will be examined by Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke on December 21st 1920 at 2.30 p.m.

All claims must be presented within 10 days of the steamer's arrival here, after which they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the steamer or godowns. Goods remaining undelivered after December 24th, will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected. Consignees are requested to send in their bills of lading for countersignature.

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No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 23rd inst. will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Under-signed on or before the 7th Jan. or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 25th inst. at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

DODWELL & CO., LTD.Agents.
Hongkong, 15th December, 1920.**NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.****TOYO KISEN KAISHA.**

S.S. "SIBERIA MARU"

From SAN FRANCISCO via HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS & MANILA.

The above named Steamer having arrived on Wednesday, the 22nd Dec., 1920, consignees of cargo are hereby notified to present their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and take immediate delivery from alongside steamer or the Company's Godown, where all cargo impeding immediate discharge will be landed at consignee's risk.

Storage will be assessed on cargo remaining undelivered after Wednesday the 29th Dec., 1920.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages will be landed into the Company's Godowns, where same will be examined on Thursday the 30th December, 1920, at 11 a.m.

No Claims will be recognized after the goods have left the steamer or Godown, and none will be entertained if presented later than three weeks after arrival of steamer.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

Y. TSUTSUMI,
Manager.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1920.

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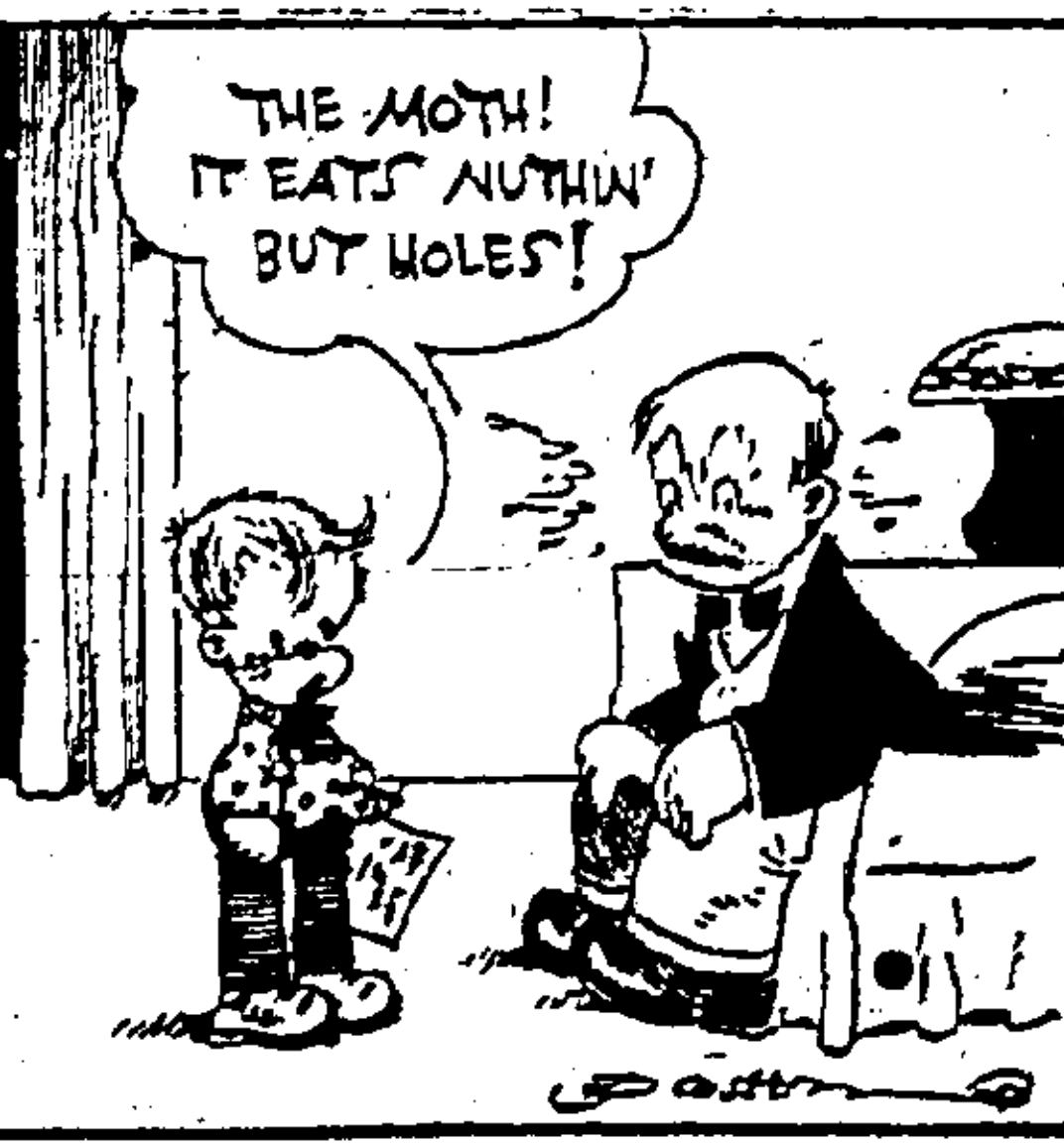
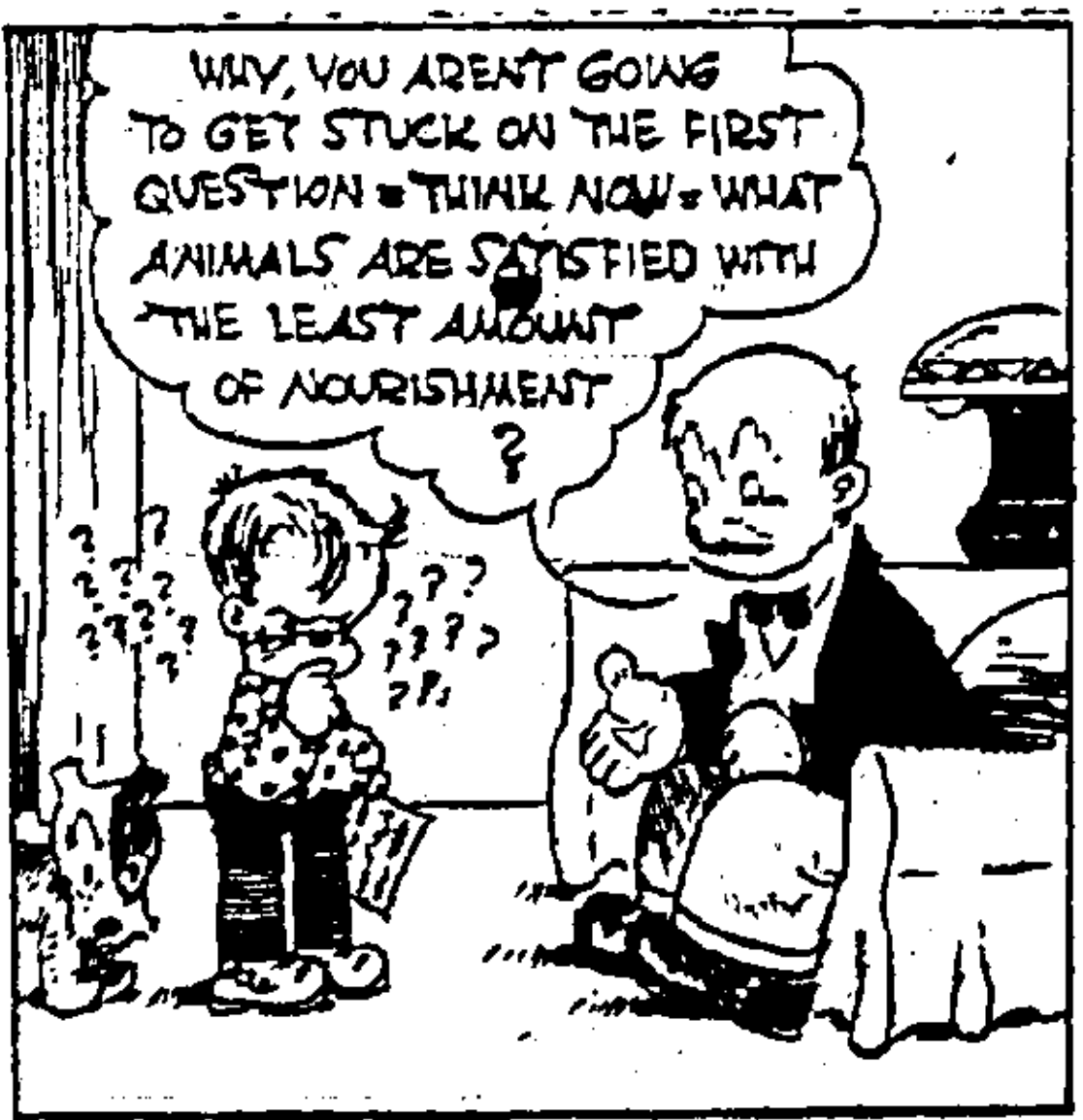
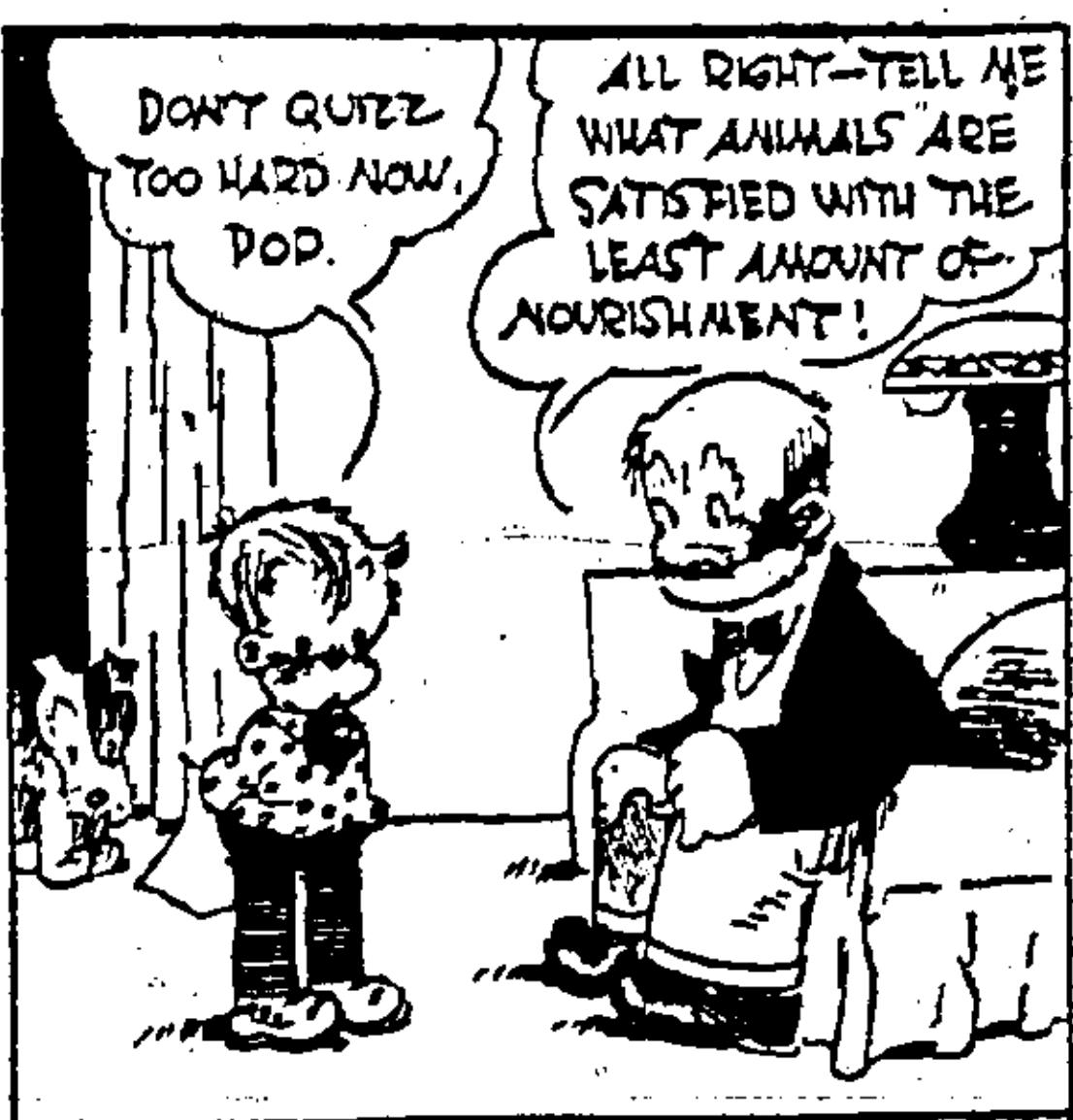
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The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1920.

HONGKONG CHILD LABOUR.

Once again the question of the employment of young children in Hongkong has been raised, this time in the Imperial Parliament. The conditions prevailing in Hongkong are being rather frequently brought to the notice of the House of Commons, and some of the people at home must have rather weird ideas of the kind of place that Hongkong is. We have had the girl-slavery question and now this question of juvenile employment, and it is quite possible that many of our home friends think we are a heartless and callous set of people. They look at things in the light of their own experiences at home, and we think that to be unkind. But the conditions under which so many young children live here, and the home people must give us the credit of knowing the difficulties that lie in the way of bringing about any improvement, and on these two questions of alleged "slavery" and child labour they would do well to remember that we are British, that we have some sense of what is humane, and that conditions are what they are, not because of any British action but because of what is customary and considered right among the Chinese themselves. There is a lot to be said for non-interference even though the practices conflict with what we know to be something better.

The history of this child employment question is, briefly, this:—Early in 1919 the question of child labour was raised in the Sanitary Board and a sub-committee, consisting of Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Mr. S. W. Tse, the late Mr. Chan Kai Ming and Mrs. A. D. Hickling, the then M.O.H., was asked to report on the matter. The report presented later stated that in the absence of any system of compulsory and universal education it was impracticable to prohibit the employment of children of any age, but it asked for powers to be given to the Sanitary Board to prohibit the employment of children under the age of 14 years in any factory for more than 10 hours a day and also prohibiting the employment of children under 13 years of age in any occupation likely to be injurious to life, limb or health. On the question of overcrowding in workshops the sub-committee was of opinion that 250 cubic feet of air space should be given to all employees in the day time and 400 cubic feet should be given at night. It asked for by-laws to be passed to give effect to its ideas, and, on the motion of Mr. Bowley, resolutions were passed at a meeting of the Sanitary Board embodying all the points, though Mr. Bowley's resolutions were amended slightly after a most interesting discussion. As the sanction of the Legislative Council is necessary for all new by-laws the Sanitary Board could not take action on its own. The Legislative Council did not accept the suggested by-laws (though we can find no reference to the matter, at the time of writing) and now questions have been asked in the Commons. Colonel Amery, speaking for the Government, says that H.E. the Governor is going to be asked what measures he contemplates taking to give effect to the resolutions and also what action he considers possible as regards young children carrying excessive weights up to the Peak. These are questions that will be difficult to answer.

Let us first of all make some admissions. We all know how young children stagger up the Peak and other roads under heavy loads; how tiny, tottering, little figures they are, and how they look; how their health is possibly affected. No one can deny these things. But there is no law to prevent them doing it and the passing of any law would operate with very great hardship on the thousands of poor parents who are simply forced to send their children out to help earn the necessary food and clothing. Poverty is at the root of it all, just as poverty is at the root of "girl slavery." If the Hongkong Government is going to protect youngsters from early toil then it has to provide a system of compulsory education, coupled with the provision of food. Poverty should not be made a crime and the State should not prosecute a parent for being unable to feed his offspring. If the law is going to prohibit child-labour it will have to see that something else is done; otherwise it will mean that the law will be robbing children of food and clothing (and in the case of many female children parents will find their own relief as they are driven to do in many cases now). There are enough dead bodies found already. The problems associated with the living conditions of China's poor are almost endless and in a Colony like this, where natives are free to come and go and do almost as they would in any part of China, it is impossible to avoid coming up against many sordid and unhappy facts. But we in Hongkong need not take ourselves to task too much, or silently allow others to do so who are ignorant of the true facts. We believe there is room for factory legislation, that good would result if a careful study were made of the actual conditions under which children work, but we also believe that much of what Westerners would think harmful is bound to remain with us until the Chinese themselves have enlightened views, until acute poverty is less general—until evolution has brought the native peoples of the East to the standards of the West. His Excellency is to be asked what steps he proposes to take on this child labour question, and we shall be looking forward with keen interest to his reply—a reply that will be difficult, if satisfaction is to be given to the interested people at home.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

Canton Customs.

Free Trade for Canton and the other ports of South China appears to be the latest suggestion emanating from the Cantonese. But the question is not being approached from the orthodox political standpoint. The idea at the back of those advocating it is to secure an abolition of the Customs duties, and that standpoint is taken up more as a matter of revenge against Peking than anything else. Inasmuch as it has been decided that Canton is to have no share of the Customs surplus, the more ardent of the Cantonese are urging that the South should not produce revenue for the mere sake of handing it over to Peking. And it is on that basis that this so-called "Free Trade" campaign is being conducted. What its sponsors appear to overlook is that a country may operate a Free Trade system and yet impose certain duties for the sole purpose of raising revenue. It is when a country adopts import duties for protective purposes or places an embargo on certain commodities that is forsakes Free Trade principles. The arguments of our Canton contemporaries on this matter are a little bewildering. It is alleged that the Customs duties help foreign imports and damage Chinese exports—in what manner, it is not explained. But the most fallacious argument of all is that the country does not benefit from the imposition of Customs duties. At the last annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation it was shown that in one year more than 22 million taels had been handed over from the Customs to the free disposal of the Chinese Government. It may, of course, be contended that Canton will not benefit from the handing back of the future surpluses so long as Peking retains the whole residue, but isn't Canton to blame for that? The Southern Government is confessedly in opposition to the only recognized Government in China, and it cannot have any rightful claim to the Customs surpluses. In any case, as we have pointed out before, it more than makes up for its losses in this regard by holding back the whole of the Southern salt revenues. If Canton really wants a share of the Customs revenue, it had better come to early agreement with the North.

Naval Competition.

What particular authority Lord Northcliffe has for taking up with the U.S. Naval Secretary the question of a naval agreement between the United States and the United Kingdom, we do not know. But the points he raises are important, none the less. He asks what particular naval combination Mr. Daniels suggests when he speaks of the necessity for America being well prepared. No definite answer, however, has been received, the American Naval Secretary merely saying that he wants an agreement between all nations that there shall be no competitive building. However, he adds that he will not recommend another three-year building programme unless it is absolutely certain that the United States is going to stay outside the League of Nations. It is something to know that Lord Northcliffe and Mr. Daniels are both agreed as to the foolishness of competitive naval building. But what we should like to know is how far the recent Presidential election in the States is likely to affect America's future naval policy. We know that the Republicans are against the States joining the League, a circumstance that we cannot but regret, bearing in mind the terms of the Covenant in regard to this question of the limitation of armaments, for it is definitely laid down therein that the members recognise the need of reducing armaments, and what is more, agree to fix the limits and to interchange full and frank information on their programmes. There has never been a more concrete endeavour than is foreshadowed by the League Covenant for international agreement on this most vital question, and if only the nations of the world, particularly the United States, would make use of the machinery provided therein, the promise of a lasting peace would be assured.

INDIAN ARMY OFFICER ATTACHED TO JAPANESE.

The *Nichi Nichi* reports that Captain K. S. Morgan, of the Indian Army, has been attached to the 24th Infantry Regiment, Fukuoka, in order to study Japanese military affairs.

DAY BY DAY.

DOUBT IS NO LONGER REGARD-ED AS A CRIME, BUT AS DUTY. WHEN THERE ARE REAL GROUNDS FOR DOUBTING.—S. Loing.

By reason of the Christmas holidays, there will be no issue of the *Hongkong Telegraph* on Saturday, the 25th instant, or Monday, the 27th.

H.M.S. Carlisle is to-day dying a paying-off pennant.

Once again there was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

The *Religion* records that Mrs. Eginia da Luz, residing in Macao, celebrated her 100th birthday last month.

The telegram quoted below was received by the American Consulate General, Hongkong, from the Manila Observatory at 10.15 a.m. to-day:—"Typhoon E. of the Visayas Islands, filling up."

News has reached Macao of the appointment of the Rev. Fr. Jose da Costa Nunes as Bishop of that Diocese. The Governor himself says the *Religion* a *Patron* went to convey him this good news prior to sending him the official letter of appointment.

The Rev. Fr. Luis Virsiglia, Superior of the Salesian Society, will be consecrated Bishop very shortly in Canton. Mons. de Guebrant, of Canton, will be the consecrating Bishop, and the assistant Bishops will be Mons. Pozzoni, of Hongkong, and Mons. Pizzani, of Swatow.—*Religion* a *Patron*.

Music lovers will be glad to learn that Prof. Sklarevski, the famous pianist, who gave a series of recitals here two years ago with such great success, is coming back about the middle of January for a few concerts, the arrangements for which are in the hands of Prof. Danenberg, who will shortly announce the dates for two afternoon concerts in the City Hall.

As there will be no publication of the *Telegraph* on Saturday, our Pictorial Supplement will be issued to-morrow. It will contain photographs taken at the foundation stone-laying ceremony of the Club Lusitano and at the garden fete at the Club de Recreo, as well as a group of golfers taken at Fanling on the occasion of the recent match between Scotland and the East.

An armed robbery which took place under somewhat daring circumstances came to the notice of the Police yesterday. A Chinese school-girl and her cousin were sitting on a bench on Bowen Road above the Protestant Cemetery yesterday when they were held up by two Chinese who forced the girl, under penalty of being stabbed to death, to surrender her jewellery and money. They stole from her person \$195 worth of jewellery, and fifty cents, and then escaped. Inspector Garrod and Sergeant Clark, who were informed of the robbery, at once took measures for the apprehension of the robbers. They searched the locality where the hold-up occurred, but were unable to trace the robbers, who apparently had escaped down the hillside by taking the new road.

Invalued from the Police Force, a Chinese, ex-labourer, received every assistance in obtaining his living. He had decided to turn hawker, and was given the most coveted spot on the west side of Graham Street. With a touch of arrogance acquired in his experience with the Force, he determined to have his own will in the matter of choice of localities, add this, in spite of the breach of the law which the decision involved, moved his stall to the east side of the road, where the traffic would be placed at an inconvenience by having his stall in the way. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. Sub-Inspector McKelvie, who had experienced considerable trouble in endeavouring to convince this policeman-hawker of his fault, at last resolved to bring him before Mr. N. L. Smith who did this morning. The hawker's expression was indeed very sour when the Magistrate imposed the rather heavy penalty of \$5.

ROSEMARY AND RUE.

(By "Tony.")

"YOUR HEALTH."

Here's to you, merry gentlemen (and ladies, too, of course), and may the merriest of merry Christmases be yours this festive season.

Three or four years ago we were drinking your health in vin blanc in obscure little estaminets, and in return, you too, no doubt, raised your glasses of cocktails to the boys away in France.

And now, this Xmas of eventful 1920, I drink to you, my readers, in one solitary glass of champagne, despite the orders of my medical autocrat. So here's to your happiness and jollity this season of grace.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

It is a wonderful thing, the Spirit of Christmas. It sheds its gracious influence in every clime where British people are gathered together. And even in those hard-boiled countries, where the thermometer at Christmas hovers indefinitely about the hundred mark, sturdy Britishers demolish the time-honoured but stodgy plum pudding and wash down the inevitable turkey with honest English beer. Even where holly is unknown except to the memory, substitutes are found to decorate the pudding; and the young men and maidens kiss without the mistletoe. It is all a matter of the spirit of the season. For at this time we forget the petty jealousies and sordid outlook on life which we see so often the rest of the year, and like the immortal Scrooge, we throw off the cloak of meanness and drape ourselves in the garments of generosity, at least for a few hours.

So bring forth your plum puddings and holly, my masters, and flaunt the simple piece of mistletoe from Flower Street, and I will wager you will not be disappointed this Christmas.

"ENGLISH AS IT IS SPOKE."

Overheard on the Peak Tramway: "I say, Nape-yar!" (Napier).

FIRELAND.

The large numbers of red hot telegrams, steaming with news from the "distressed country" might well be the means of changing the latter's name to "Wireland." And referring to the continuous machine gunning and conflagrations in the cities, what is the matter with renaming it permanently "Fireland?"

THE OTHER CHEEK.

Oxford savants yearn for pre-war relations with their German brothers! Buried in the dusty records of an unregenerate past, they vainly hope to resuscitate conditions as they were before their very good friends gave of their learning to the science of brutal destruction. These Oxford highbrows! Have they experienced the hellish poison gas, the groping amid horrors in blindness with poor eyes sweating agony, mucous exuding from mouth and nose, and the scalding sensation of the membrane of the throat? Or have they felt the tearing of the flesh by jagged shell casing the while the unfortunate soldier, laying in six inches of filthy water, helplessly watches a fountain of blood pouring out his strength? If the professors have indeed undergone these horrors, then they are past understanding; but if they have not, then they have exceeded the standard of decency, and in spite of their learning they should promptly be examined by mental experts.

THE INVISIBLE DOG.

Which is the club that owns an invisible dog? Where members are "taken round the corner" to see their pet, the while the proud guide bands down to stroke the mythical animal, wags an index finger at it and tells it to sit up and beg for invisible sugar? This is understood to be a regular practice in this particular club and is thoroughly enjoyed by a number of its members. What a game! And further, one member is said to be so obsessed with the idea that it has become a habit with him to turn in the street to whistle the invisible dog, snapping his fingers to it and chirruping softly as he calls it to heel. Well, well. It may be an appreciative joke; but there is nothing more certain than when a man has become a slave to his imagination to such an extent he is a sure candidate for the nut factory. Now the fashion is set, perhaps, with invisible meals, to kiss and to marry invisible girls. If this is the result of life in Clubland then, in the name of the old dog employed.

MOTOR MISHAP.

A Fortunate Escape.

What might have been a very nasty motor accident occurred late last evening at Happy Valley. Motor Car No. 338, belonging to the Dragon Motor Company, in which Captain Walker was a passenger, was coming back to town from a run round the island when, just past the Police Recreation Club, the front off mudguard and wheel came into collision with a tramway standard. Although the car was considerably damaged, the driver and Captain Walker escaped with very slight injuries, neither of them having to be sent to hospital, after local assistance had been rendered. Owing to the presence of a very large tree at this corner and the consequent shadow, the driver, apparently, did not notice the standard until it was too late to avoid the collision.

KOWLOON SCHOOL.

Fancy Dress Parade.

There was a large gathering of parents and their friends at the Kowloon British School last evening, in response to invitations issued by the Headmaster (Mr. G. Franklin Nightingale) to a fancy dress parade and concert. The function was a most happy affair, and great appreciation was manifested at the excellence of the children who took part in the parade. It was an extremely pretty sight that was presented, and the judges (Mr. E. Ralphs and Mr. and Mrs. W. Jackson) had no easy task in apportioning the prizes. Their awards were as follows, the prizes being distributed by Mrs. Jackson:—

Girls:—1. Jean Dalziel (Game of Cards); 2. Margaret Newton (Polly); 3. E. Moses (Butterfly). Special prizes were awarded to W. Henderson (Buttercup), M. Davison (Ballet Dancer) and J. Greenaway (Fairly).

Boys:—1. E. Leete (Tarzan of the Apes); 2. W. Forsyth (Girl); 3. E. Moses (John Bull). A special prize was awarded to J. Salter (Old Dutch Cleanser).

The Headmaster desires to thank Mr. Neave and Mr. Davison for the splendid decorations; Mr. E. Ralphs, Mrs. Salter, Mr. Joseph, Mrs. Nightingale, Mr. Clarke, Mr. Dixon and Mr. Orberry for so kindly giving prizes.

SCHEDULE.

Vide "*Daily Press*": "Chinese travellers will be permitted to stay in Australia for one year provided a Chinese passport is issued by the British Consul at port of embarkation. 8 p.m." Why 8 p.m. only?

SUPERSTITION A HABIT.

A gypsy fortune teller is an unusual sight in Hongkong, and when such a picturesque person is seen at one of the window tables in a local hotel it is all the more extraordinary. But there she was, in all her highly coloured regalia, earrings, swarthy complexion and all. She was earnestly conversing with two English ladies, and to all appearances she was telling their fortunes. You know the whole business: "Cross me hand with silver, lady." "You will meet a dark handsome man." "Beware of a man with a missing eye tooth" and that kind of thing. It is amazing how much women are given to these superstitions. Much more than men. Touching wood is all very well in its way, and is occasionally indulged in by the more practical male; but you rarely see him listening to the vapourings of ignorant old fortune tellers, and what is more, paying for it! The number of people who believe in the ill luck of number 13 and Fridays is astounding. Personally, 13 has no terror for me. The best piece of good luck I ever experienced happened on a Friday, the 13th, whilst a atrocious bad fortune has attended me on the seventh day of the seventh month. Seven being presumed, even a superstitious individual, on finding thirteen dollars would not throw away the odd one to appease the malignant devils of bad luck. No. Superstition is merely a habit. We love the thrill it gives us; but when a golden opportunity of great personal benefit presents itself, no matter how many bad omens attend it, it is eagerly grasped, and horrid fears disappear because the mind is much better employed.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

New Southwark Bridge is to be opened very soon. Now practically complete, it will soon appear as one of the handsomest of Thames bridges, in contrast to old Southwark Bridge, which was one of the drabdest. One of the most durable, too; and all-British as well, in granite, steel and ornament. Begun in November 1914, the work had to be stopped, as both materials and men were commandeered for another purpose. The cost was to have been £278,148; but it now works out at £500,000. A little stairway leads down to a lower level, where is to be seen the tablet indicating the site of the Globe Theatre, near to Southwark Cathedral.

The British Association has in hand a scheme, suggested by Dr. Herdman, the President, at Cardiff, for an oceanographic expedition on the lines of the famous Challenger Expedition. It is 44 years since that was ended after a voyage of three and a half years which covered 69,000 miles. The expedition achieved results which were published in about 50 volumes. An even more famous expedition was that of H.M.S. Beagle, which lasted nearly five years. Charles Darwin, then a young man, accompanied it and during this long sojourn in Southern waters he equipped himself with the knowledge which made his discoveries in biological evolution possible.

There are three great authors now living who might equally well have been artists. Sir Arthur Quiller Couch would have studied art if he had not been too poor as a young man; Arnold Bennett is a water-colour painter of distinction, as can be seen by the charming illustrations to his recently published "*Log of the Velsa*"; and H. G. Wells—well, you have only to read "*Boon*," once published as the work of "Reginald Bliss," and now republished by Messrs. Fisher Unwin with Wells as the acknowledged author, to see for yourselves what a genius he has for caricature. And there are a few private copies in existence of works by minor poets and still more minor ecclesiastics (says the *Sunday Chronicle*), with little whimsical drawings by him, interpreting the spirit of the text in a way which would startle the authors a good deal.

The challenge to a duel recently issued by a titled man at home recalls other cases. No list of prominent men who within living memory have been similarly involved should fail to include the late Mr. Henry Labouchere, who once issued a challenge and faced his man in the ordeal by fire. Labouchere was a British attaché at Stockholm in 1857, when an Englishman in that city was challenged by a Swede. The Englishman declined to fight, but appeared the next night at the theatre in the British Minister's box. An Austrian attaché subsequently, remarking, in Labouchere's hearing, that Englishmen had curious ideas of honour, more particularly English Ministers. Labouchere's reply was that Englishmen were not so silly as to fight duels, and an English Minister did himself no dishonour by exercising hospitality to a fellow-countryman who showed so much common sense. That was well enough, but the diplomatic representatives present felt something more was needed, and Labouchere placed himself at the disposal of the French and Prussian Ministers.

A challenge was issued; the principals, accompanied by seconds with pistols, arrived at a place of meeting; shots were exchanged without result, and the French Minister claimed a second shot on Labouchere's behalf, explaining that he should resist any demand for a third from the Swede's side. Labouchere, inwardly cursing his seconds' enthusiasm, fired again, and again the shots were harmless. Confident that he might do so safely, Labouchere then demanded a third shot "on his own." After grave consultation, this was disallowed, and Labouchere went off with his seconds, bravely supporting the character of an aggrieved duellist who had been prevented from establishing, thoroughly, by mortal combat, the principle that an Englishman had a right to refuse to fight.

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GUNNY BAGS.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE3.

A Dispute Over Delivery.

In the Summary Court, before His Lordship Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, this morning, the Chu Kyoku Trading Co., sued the Kwong Cheong firm for \$724, being damages for breach of contract dated March 30th last to accept and pay for 150 bales of new gunny bags.

Mr. C. F. Mason appeared for the plaintiffs and Mr. J. H. Gardiner for the defendants.

Mr. Mason said that in March last a written contract was entered into for the sale and purchase of 150 bales of new gunny bags, shipment in June. On July 7th, a shipment of 50 bales arrived. Due notice was given of the arrival of the goods to the defendants and as the market price on that day was in their favour, delivery was taken. On July 24th, a further shipment of 50 bales arrived by the s. s. Takada. Maru and notice was given to the defendants. No action was taken for some time and finally on October 5th the plaintiffs wrote calling upon defendants to take delivery, and a permit was given to them to inspect the goods. On October 9th, a letter from the defendants' solicitor was received, in which it was alleged that an inspection of the goods showed that only four bales were of correct weight. Each gunny bag should weigh 2½ lbs, and that was provided in the contract. Each bale had to weigh a thousand pounds.

Mr. Gardiner:—The average weight is 1,017 pounds. They are wrapped up in steel.

Mr. Mason:—I propose to call the tallyman, who weighed ten bales, and they weighed 1,017, 1,021, 1,012, 1,015, 1,002, etc. Some of the bales, therefore, were considerably overweight and some underweight. We had 10 bales in the godowns.

Mr. Gardiner:—That is disputed. The defendants may have had a million bags. The permit for which we had inspection gave us inspection of 39 bales in one godown and 10 bales in another godown. That is all we know about.

Mr. Mason:—There was a shipment of 50 bales of which they had not taken delivery. We

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, West Point.—Christmas Services 1920.

December 24th Christmas Eve.—8.30 p.m. First Evensong of Christmas followed by Preparation for Communion, conducted by Rev. H. du T. Pyner.

December 25th Christmas Day.—8.00 a.m. Christmas Communion. 11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist and Procession.—Preacher Rev. H. du T. Pyner.

December 26th, 1st Sunday after Christmas.—St. Stephen. 8.00 a.m. Christmas Communion. 11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist and Procession. Preacher, Rev. A. J. S. Stearn.

December 27th St. John.—8.00 a.m. Christmas Communion.

December 28th The Innocents.—8.00 a.m. Christmas Communion.

January 1st. The Circumcision.—7.15 a.m. Christmas Communion.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, Kowloon.—December 25, Christmas Day. 8.15 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Morning Prayer & Holy Communion. Preacher, the Vicar.

had 310 bales in the godowns which were not under weight. On October 15th Mr. Gardiner wrote to the plaintiffs asking for inspection. We did everything to give the defendants inspection. We sold through a broker 40 bales on 4th November against contract at \$27.10 per 100 pieces and 10 bales on November 13th. We can claim damages in respect of 100 bales, but we waive the 50 bales. A third shipment did arrive and notice was given.

Mr. Gardiner:—The contract is for the whole of one lot of 150 bales. In a contract of such a nature we had the power of refusing to take delivery except of the full amount.

His Lordship:—You will admit that your client has taken 50 bales?

Mr. Gardiner:—We could insist upon taking the whole of the bales. I dispute the amount and the right to claim.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

Drawing for Griffins.

The drawing for nineteen subscription griffins, which arrived by the s. s. Chenan yesterday, took place at the Jockey Club stables last evening, with the following results:

- 1.—bay, Mr. A. M. Soares.
- 2.—(white) Mr. G. A. Harriman.
- 3.—grey, Mr. T. S. Forrest.
- 4.—grey, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.
- 5.—black, Mr. E. J. Norenha.
- 6.—bay, Mrs. Bell-Irving.
- 7.—spotted dun, Mr. H. M. H. Nemaze.
- 8.—bay, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.
- 9.—black, Mr. Billiard.
- 10.—chestnut, Mr. J. J. Paterson.
- 11.—dun, Mr. F. B. Deacon.
- 12.—grey, Capt. Henderson and
- 13.—black, Mr. Adams.
- 14.—grey, Mr. F. B. Deacon.
- 15.—grey, Mr. R. M. Dyer.
- 16.—chestnut, Mr. H. P. White.
- 17.—grey, Mr. Billiard.
- 18.—black, Mr. P. C. Potts.
- 19.—grey, Dr. Forsyth.

WEST INDIAN FINED.

Nuisance in Hotel Bar.

A West Indian, who hailed from Kingston, was today charged before Mr. N. L. Smith with being drunk and disorderly, and with damaging a marble-topped table in the bar-room of the King Edward Hotel. The defendant admitted the first charge, but denied the second.

Inspector Blackman stated that in the bar-room of the Hotel, last night, the defendant worked himself into an advanced state of intoxication, and his conduct was very disorderly when, on account of his condition, the servants refused to serve him with any more drinks.

Mr. W. H. Mitchell, Manager of the King Edward, informed the Magistrate that defendant would persist in messing about the billiard table. He was put into a seat, but very soon got up from it, and recommenced his excursions to the billiard table. He agreed with His Worship that the defendant did not break the table with malicious intent. His "playfulness" would be due to his intoxicated state. Only the marble top of the table was broken, but that could be replaced.

The defendant had nothing to say in regard to this statement, and he was ordered to pay a fine of \$5 to the Court and a further \$10 as compensation to the Hotel.

WHEN SHE WAS SEVENTEEN.

A story from life of especial interest to girls in their teens and their parents appeared in most of the leading papers of Great Britain during the recent month of August, and is reproduced here as of equal significance in the Far East. Its heroine, Miss Elsie Wheeler, who resides at 1 Bexley Place, Leeds, told her story as follows:—

"When I was seventeen, I began to be troubled with such a constant tiredness that I never felt more than half awake. My appetite left me entirely, and I often went off from home in the morning with scarcely a bite of breakfast. It was a struggle to get through the day; my back ached, and my legs and feet seemed weighted with lead.

"I was dizzy and breathless, and suffered terribly from headache. My nerves were jumpy, and I was often cross and irritable without knowing why.

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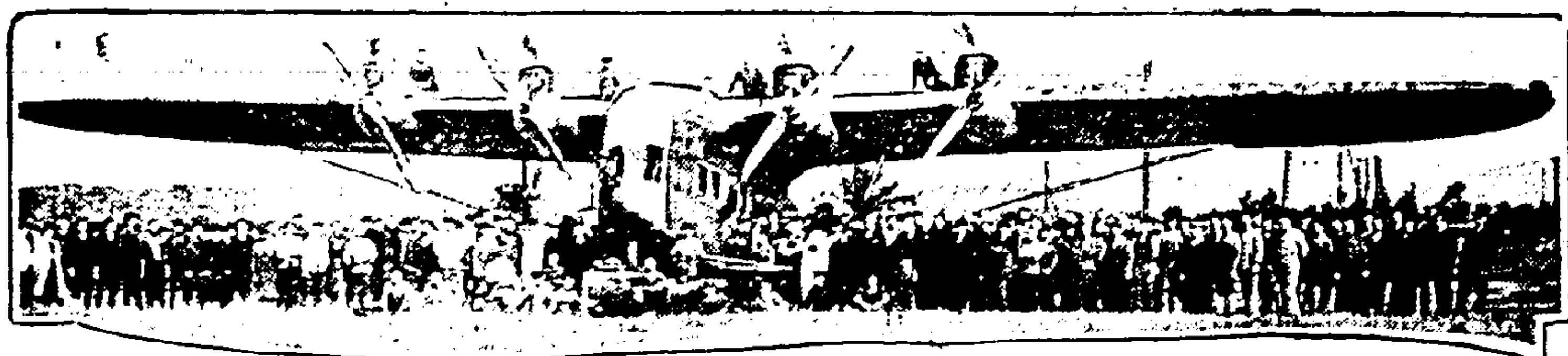
CALIFORNIA'S DISCOVERY.

Above is a scene in a pageant recently held depicting the discovery of Southern California 350 years ago when Cabrillo, Spanish explorer, first planted the flag of Spain on the Pacific shore of the United States.



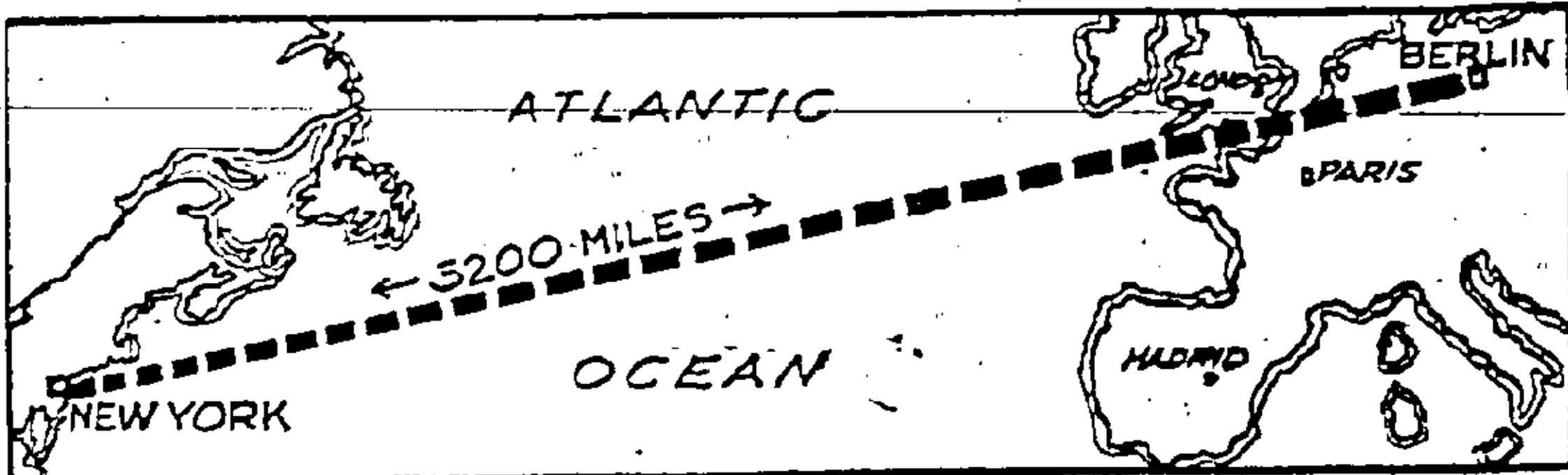
BACK FROM THE WAR.

Above are German soldiers just back from the war. They have been held prisoner in Siberia for several years.



HUGE PLANE.

Here is the giant Zeppelin airplane with which a flight from Berlin to New York is soon to be attempted. The plane is built entirely of metal-duraluminium. Experts expect the plane to make the Berlin-New York flight in 35 hours. The route which it is proposed to take would be about 3,300 miles long.



IN LONDON.

Disturbances by unemployed recently occurred in London. The upper picture shows mounted police breaking up the mob. Lower—London police make strenuous efforts to hold back the mob from the Premier's residence in Downing Street.



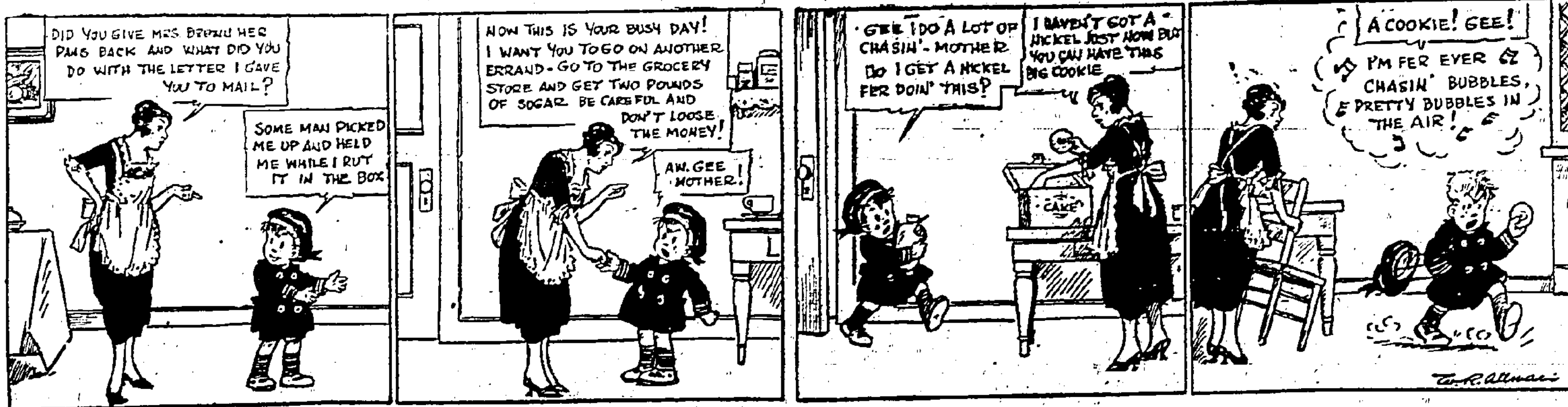
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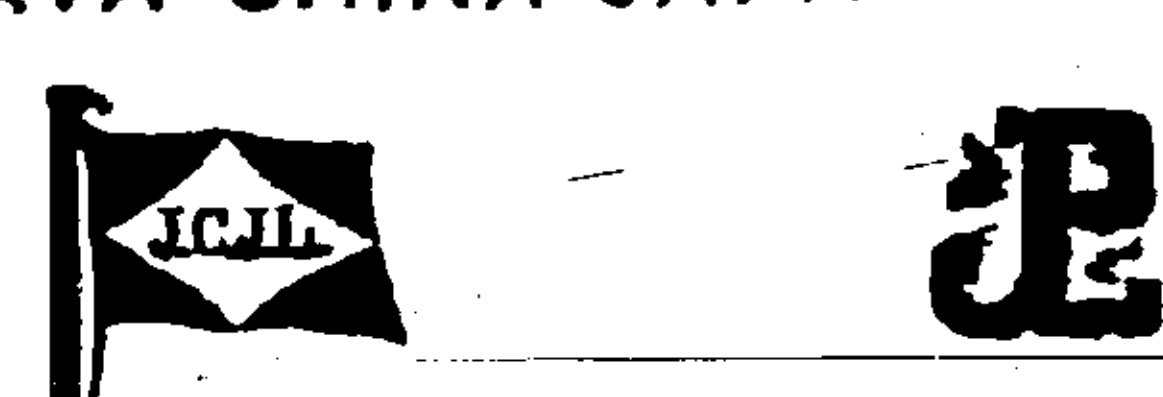
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"GLENARA"	18th Jan.

HOMEWARDS.

Vessel	Leaves Hongkong.	Discharges.
"GLENLUCE"	30th Jan.	GENOA, LONDON & ROTTERDAM.
"GLENARA"	7th Feb.	LONDON, ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP.

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Destination	Steamer	Sailing
STRAITS & Calcutta	Chaksang	Thurs. 23rd Dec. at 2 p.m.
SHANGHAI & Kobe	Kumsang	Fri. 24th Dec. at d'light.
MANILA	Loongsang	Fri. 24th Dec. at 3 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Kwongsang	Mon. 27th Dec. at noon.
KORE	Lalsang	Wed. 29th Dec. at d'light.
HAIPHONG via Hoihow	Taksang	Wed. 29th Dec. at 10 a.m.

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SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	Chenan	25th Dec. at 4 p.m.
H'HOW, PHOI & H'PHONG	Kailong	28th Dec. at 10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	Chusan	28th Dec. at 10 a.m.
AMOI, SHAL & PEKOW	Suiyang	29th Dec. at noon.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	Taming	28th Dec. at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	Sanning	30th Dec. at noon.

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Steamship	Captain	Leaving.
Maiching	A. H. Stewart	MON. 27th Dec. at noon.
Hailong	J. S. Thomson	TUES. 4th Dec. at noon

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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The N. Y. K. s.s. YOKOHAMA M. (European Line.) left London, for this port via Suez, on the 27th Nov. and is expected here on the 6th January.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN, left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports, Shanghai and Hongkong, on the 7th December, and is due here on or about the 29th December.

The s.s. MATTAWA, left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila, on the 10th December and is due at Yokohama on or about the 4th January.

The s.s. PROTESILAU (Blue Funnel Line) left Suez on 10th December for Hongkong and is due here on 3th January.

The s.s. SCHODACK left New York for Hongkong via ports Nov. 13th and is expected here Jan. 10th, 1921.

The s.s. ANCHISES, (Blue Funnel Line) left Suez on 13th inst. for Hongkong and is due here on 23rd January.

The N. Y. K. s.s. IYO MARU (European Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 19th Dec. and is expected here on the 23rd December.

The N. Y. K. s.s. SANUKI M. (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Singapore on the 13th December and is expected here on the 2nd January.

The s.s. RHESUS (Blue Funnel Line) left Singapore on 19th inst. for Hongkong and is due here on 23th inst.

The s.s. MONTAGUE left Portland, Ore. for Hongkong via ports Nov. 18th and is expected here January 1st 1921.

The s.s. CROSSKEYS left Seattle, Wash., for Hongkong via ports Nov. 13th and is expected here January 1st 1921.

The s.s. SATSUMA left New York for Hongkong via ports Nov. 21st and is expected here January 15th, 1921.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KAGA M. (European Line) left Singapore for this port on the 19th Dec. and is expected here on the 25th December.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KOTSU M. (Calcutta Line) left Singapore for this port on the 20th Dec. and is expected here on the 2nd January 1921.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TOTOMI M. (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Rangoon, Penang & Singapore on the 19th Dec. and is expected here on the 5th January 1921.

The N. Y. K. s.s. NAGANO M. (New York Line) left Kobe for this port on the 20th Dec. and is expected here on the 28th Dec.

The s.s. PLASSY left Singapore for this port on the 20th instant at 8 a.m. and is due here on the 25th inst. at about noon.

The s.s. LYCAON (Blue Funnel Line) left Suez on 17th inst. for Hongkong and is due here on 15th January 1921.

The R. M. S. EMPRESS OF ASIA, left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports, Shanghai and Manila, on the 16th Dec. and is due here on or about the 7th January.

The M. V. GLENLUCE, is expected to leave Singapore for Hongkong on the 28th inst. and is due here about the 3rd Jan.

The T. K. K. s.s. TENYO M. arrived at Yokohama on the 29th instant and sails on the 23rd instant, in accordance with schedule, being due at Hongkong January 5th.

The s.s. EDMORE left Seattle, Wash. for Hongkong via ports Dec. 7th and is expected January 24th 1921.

The s.s. DUQUESNE left New York for Hongkong via ports Dec. 9th and is expected here Feb. 2nd, 1921.

The s.s. METHVEN, arrived at Saigon on 11th December, left there 21st December and is due at Hongkong on or about 25th December.

The R. M. S. MONTEAGLE arrived at Yokohama, on 21st December, left there 21st Dec. and is due at Hongkong on 31st December.

The DEMODOCUS (Blue Funnel Line) left Shanghai on 22nd instant for Liverpool via Genoa and via Hongkong. Vessel is due here on 25th inst. and will sail, as above, on 27th Dec.

